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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HIDEKI SATO ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Application No.: 09/871,630 ) Group Art Unit: 2872  
Filed: June 4, 2001 )  
For: DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL )  
ELEMENT : September 20, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/411,632 <i>Suba</i>	10/01/1999	2872

A copy of the cited application is enclosed.

The Japanese language documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 are discussed in the specification at pages 1, 3 and 4. Applicant submits that they are relevant for the reasons noted therein. In addition, Applicant has obtained from a commercial database English language abstracts for most of those documents. Copies of those abstracts are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. However, an English

language abstract was not readily available for Japanese Laid Open Application No. 4-213421.

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FORMAL MATTERS

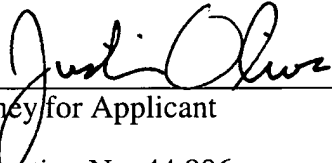
No fee is believed due in connection with this paper; however, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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